



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

BLUE TURKEY



ORIGIN:	America
CLASSIFICATION:	Medium
MASSES:	
Mature Tom:	11.0 to 14.0kg
Mature Hen:	8.0 to 12.0kg
Young Stag:	8.0 to 12.0kg
Young Hen:	5.0 to 8.0kg

This breed has been developed on the lines of the American Slate turkey. The feathers of the slate are ash blue and may be dotted with black in any part of the plumage, whereas the blue standard calls for an even colour.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

MALE AND FEMALE

These are the same as for the Buff turkey.

SERIOUS DEFECTS

Presence of black or brown feathers. Wry tail. Pronounced debeaking.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Crooked or other deformity of the breastbone. Any other deformity.

COLOUR

BLUE

Plumage of

Both sexes:

A light or dark shade of sound and even blue, free from black or brown feathers.

In both sexes:

Beak, legs and feet: slate blue. Eyes: dark to black. Face, jaws, wattle and caruncles: bright rich red.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Shape (type)	25
Head, neck and wattle	15
Legs and feet	10
Weight	10
Colour	35
Condition	5
TOTAL	100